

factories and ten research and development facilities. In the U.S., Honda's capital investment exceeds \$7 billion with more than \$12 billion in parts and materials purchased annually from 580 suppliers in 33 states.

Honda's philosophy of respect for the individual is the cornerstone of placing responsibility and accountability with each associate. That philosophy and accountability has allowed its U.S. workforce to produce the highest quality products at an affordable price and great reliability. Honda's involvement in the communities where its facilities are located has been another key to its success because it has treated state and local leaders as well as parts suppliers as equal partners. Honda is a great example of a company that has invested and reinvested significant financial and human resources in its plants, equipment and associates here in the U.S.

I want to offer my congratulations to Honda on the occasion of the 25th anniversary and look forward to another 25 years of growth and success in Ohio and throughout the U.S.

CONGRATULATING DIANA ROYCROFT ON WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE JUNIOR HISTORICAL PAPER CATEGORY OF THE 2004 FLORIDA HISTORY FAIR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Diana Roycroft and congratulate her on winning first place in the Junior Historical Paper category at the Florida History Fair and also for her participation at the National History Day competition.

Sponsored by the Museum of Florida History, the Florida History Fair is an annual statewide activity that enhances the teaching and learning of history at both the elementary and secondary levels. The first and second place winners in each category and division of the fair earn the right to represent the State of Florida at the National History Day competition. The 2003–2004 theme was “Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History”. Participating students analyzed and interpreted information they gathered from primary and secondary resources and expressed their findings in a paper, exhibit, performance, or documentary.

Diana Roycroft is a student at the PATS Center and Workman Middle School in Escambia County, Florida. Diana received first place in the category of Junior Historical Paper for her paper entitled “Heroes in the Bubble” at the Florida History Fair on May 9 in Tallahassee, Florida. Diana's paper detailed the courageous fight of the ball turret gunners in the B–17 and B–24 bomber planes during World War II. Those brave young men who served as gunners deserve great honor and respect for their service to this nation. Diana's first place award at the Florida History Fair earned Diana the distinct honor of representing the Sunshine State at the 2004 National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland, on June 13–16.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate and offer my sincere appreciation to Diana Roycroft and all the participants of the Florida

History Fair and the National History Day competition. It is because of bright students like Diana Roycroft that America is a hopeful nation destined for a bright future.

HONORING MARK F. GRADY, DEAN OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark F. Grady for his years of dedicated service to the George Mason University School of Law.

Dean Grady has been a pivotal member of the George Mason community for 6 years, both as Dean and professor of law. Students enjoy his wisdom and expertise in the area of law.

As the dean of the School of Law, Mr. Grady has played an important role in the success of the school and its students. Through his guidance, George Mason has become the youngest law school ranked in U.S. News and World Report's top tier.

Under Dean Grady's direction, the School of Law has become a national leader not only of law but also economics and technology. In 1999, the National Center for Technology and Law was established. This center examines the causality of the existing legal structure and the society's evolving economy. Through this relationship, new fields of course work were created that allow the student to gain the necessary skills to succeed in both technology and communications.

George Mason School of Law is one of the most innovative schools in the country. Due to its emphasis on intellectual property, technology law and the legal application of economic methods, George Mason was also ranked in the top 10 in the Nation for an outstanding faculty in law and economics in University of Texas Professor Brian Lieter's Ranking of Law Faculty Quality for 2003.

Professor Grady should be honored and commended for his dedication to not only the School of Law but also the surrounding community. With his instruction and guidance, he has enabled Mason Law graduates to pursue careers in numerous fields and become successful attorneys who practice law with great distinction and honor.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dean Grady for his years of service and dedication to George Mason University. His contributions and efforts are noted and greatly appreciated. I wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ERNEST J. GREGORY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Mr. Ernest J. Gregory is retiring after 37 years of exemplary Federal service, initially with the United States

Air Force and then as a career civil servant in the Department of Defense (DoD). Mr. Gregory is a gifted leader and manager, and has served his country with dignity, honor and integrity.

Ernest Gregory, a native of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is a 1967 graduate of the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and holds a Bachelor of Science in accounting from that institution. He began his service to the Nation in 1968, when he entered the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft maintenance officer at the Strategic Air Command, Loring Air Force Base, Maine.

Upon completing his military term in 1972, Mr. Gregory was hired as a staff auditor for the U.S. Army Audit Agency in Philadelphia. He proved to be quite skilled and soon was promoted to auditor-in-charge. Mr. Gregory continued his illustrious civilian career at the U.S. Army Security Center with various assignments, including: chief, internal review (1976–1979), financial systems analyst (1979–1980), deputy comptroller (1980–1981) and senior financial systems analyst (1981–1982). During his time at the Army Security Center, Mr. Gregory played a key role in developing and implementing financial management performance objectives. He simultaneously earned a Masters of Business Administration in 1979 from Syracuse University.

In 1982, Mr. Gregory was selected to join the Army secretariat staff as assistant comptroller for internal review, office of the comptroller of the Army. He was a relentless master in reviewing financial management systems and integrating measures to address shortcomings uncovered during the process. In recognition of his talent and dedication, Mr. Gregory was promoted in 1987 to director, internal review, office of the assistant secretary of the Army (financial operations). He again challenged the financial management community and was a model civil servant, embracing opportunities and creating new methodologies in an environment of continual development. Additionally, in 1988, he attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

In January 1993, the Army acknowledged Mr. Gregory's abilities and leadership, elevating him to the Senior Executive Service and the position of deputy assistant secretary of the Army for financial operations. As deputy assistant secretary, he was responsible for all Army policy, programs, systems and procedures associated with the service's accounting and finance operations, financial systems and internal review and controls. He took charge of combating fraud, waste and abuse. He also was the primary ambassador on financial management issues to external stakeholders. Mr. Gregory's efforts to integrate financial requirements and responsiveness with emerging functional systems, such as the Single Stock Fund and the Defense Integrated Military Human Resource System, were successful and greatly improved Army financial management.

Mr. Gregory was again promoted in February 2002, when Ms. Sandra Pack, then assistant secretary of the Army (financial management and comptroller), chose him as her principal deputy. (When she departed the Army in December 2003, he succeeded Ms. Pack as acting assistant secretary and served in that role for eight months.) During his tenure as principal deputy, Mr. Gregory shared responsibility for the development, formulation